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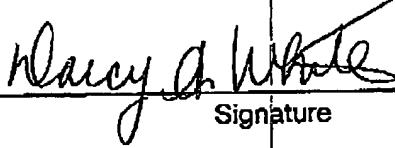
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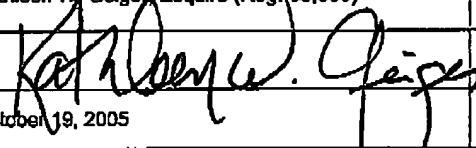
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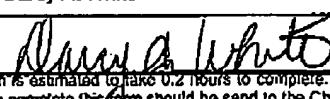
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Sir:

Applicant kindly requests clarification of language appearing in the Advisory Action dated September 19, 2005.

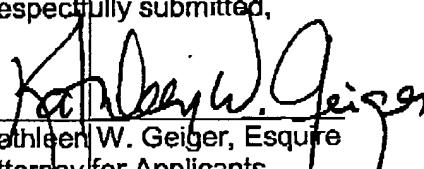
In such Action, the Examiner notes in "Section 11" that replacing "comprising" with – consisting of – would place the case in condition for allowance.

Applicants are preparing to file an RCE responsive to the Advisory Action, and it is unclear to us which term "comprising" is being referred to by the Examiner in her comments. The word "comprising" appears in the preamble of claim 1, "comprising the steps of"; and also at two places within the process steps of that claim: "hydrocarbon extractive agents comprising hydrocarbons," and "chlorocarbon extractive agents comprising."

Clarification of the Examiner's intent is respectfully requested.

A reply by telephone to Applicant's representative at the number provided below would be welcome if such is convenient for the Examiner.

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